

Lullingstone Roman Villa, Kent

Hazard Information for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to the site visit. The following information is intended as an aid and does not replace the group leader's own risk assessment. We recommend coming to the site on a free planning visit, to help you with your risk assessment. Please note: where possible, English Heritage staff at the site will be happy to assist you with your queries, but cannot check or sign any section of your risk assessment.

Environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly for the site and weather. Please be aware that the site may close at short notice due to adverse weather. Where applicable, stonework and trees at our sites are inspected regularly; however, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. On-going conservation work may pose a temporary hazard; a member of staff will advise you of any works when you visit. Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival and while on the site.

- The site is approached down a single-track lane and through a ford. Visitors should be aware of oncoming traffic, including farm machinery, in both directions.
- Coach drop off and parking is in the car park opposite the villa building. The car park has loose gravel and there may be potholes.
- Pupils will have to cross the road in order to access the villa building. Pupils should keep to the designated paths. Please note that Lullingstone Lane is a national speed limit road (60mph) and care should be taken when crossing it.
- Visitors should not walk under the barriers at the entrance and exit to the carpark.

In the event of a power cut, the emergency lighting will illuminate throughout the site.

- You will have to evacuate the site until power is re-established. Please do not be alarmed; site staff will be there to assist you.

The villa building may pose various hazards and the staircase treads may be worn and uneven.

- The villa remains are housed inside a large modern building which is accessed through automatic sliding glass doors.
- The shop floor is tiled, and the exhibition walkway is screed concrete – which can be slippery in wet weather.
- The villa remains are surrounded by a wooden barrier (89cm high) with a horizontal beam halfway up. Wire mesh covers the barrier by the well and along the entire upper gallery.
- Light levels in the building are kept artificially low. Lighting levels can vary depending on whether the film show is playing. Please take care when navigating through the building.
- The film show contains coloured lights which changed throughout the show. This could present a potential hazard to someone with photosensitive epilepsy. Please speak to a member of staff if you are concerned, they will aim to accommodate.
- The temperature inside the building can be cold, especially in winter where temperatures can be below 0°C. Please dress appropriately.
- There is a fire exit in the south west corner of the site, and there are fire extinguishers situated through the building. All internal doors are fire doors and must be closed after use. Please note that these doors are heavy, and children should be supervised whilst using them.

- There are two lifts; one in the exhibition area and one in the shop. Both lifts have alarms which can be heard in the shop area when pressed. Pupils should not use these lifts unless they need to and should be accompanied by a group leader.

The grounds of the site may pose various hazards, including surrounding land and a fast-moving river.

- The site is surrounded by private farmland which has barbed wire fences.
- A fast-moving river runs alongside the car park. This is not fenced off and there are no life preservers. There are deep water signs.
- The grass areas to the side of the villa building can be accessed via a paved path and steps which can become slippery during wet weather.
- There is a steep grass bank above the reconstruction of the circular shrine. Pupils should not run or roll down this bank as the circular shrine is uneven in places and contains raised flints. There is a drop from the grass bank to the path below. Pupils must be supervised.
- There may be concealed rabbit holes and mole hills in the landscape.
- The grounds may be uneven in places; there may be nettles, brambles and low overhanging trees.